

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1 and 34, the only claims pending following entry of the above amendments.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claim language and to specifically address certain issues raised by the Examiner in terms of indefiniteness. The claim has also been amended to limit the target disease to Multiple Sclerosis, support for this amendment being found the working exemplification, particularly at page 17.

Objections were raised to Claim 1 for the use of the abbreviation "RANTES." In view of the above amendment, this objection is moot. Objections were also raised to Claim 7. In view of the cancellation of Claim 7, these objections are moot.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 34 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st ¶ for a number of reasons. With respect to the rejections of Claim 1, these rejections are believed to have been addressed by the above amendment to Claim 1, which remove the narrower ranges from the claim. With respect to the rejections based on Claim 7, these rejections are rendered moot by the above cancellation of Claim 7.

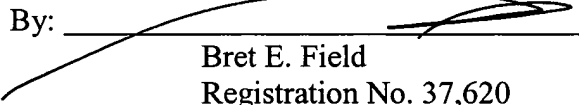
Finally, Claims 1, 4, 7, 34 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Giuseppe in view of Moreland. As amended, the claims are limited to the treatment of multiple sclerosis. As the combined teaching of Giuseppe and Moreland fails to teach or even suggest the use of neoabietic acid in the treatment of multiple sclerosis, this rejection may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

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